

First Baptist News

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He is Risen!

Easter Sunday

March 27, 2016

7:00 a.m.—Sunrise Service

at the home of Ed Thorndyke 7301 Howell Rd.
Directions: Take Hwy. 41 to the caution light at
Littlefield Middle School and turn onto Tarheel Rd.
After 3 or 4 miles make a left onto Howell Rd.
Watch for signs!

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

11:00 a.m.—Baptismal Service

Join us in celebrating our risen Lord by placing fresh cut flowers
on the cross in front of the church as we gather at First Baptist on Sunday.



The e-mail was really a letter. The writer, a friend, started with “Good Morning David” and then wrote “I trust you are having a great holy week.” I am not sure if my friend meant any more than to wish me well with his greeting, but I have been thinking since reading that line about what makes for a “great holy week.” For the purpose of this article I am associating “great” with “spiritually significant.” Greatness in any endeavor with God is measured by what we are willing to learn and “unlearn,” what we are willing to accept from and surrender to God and what we are willing to do out of loving obedience to God. A “great holy week,” therefore is one in which a person has listened and responded to God in faith.

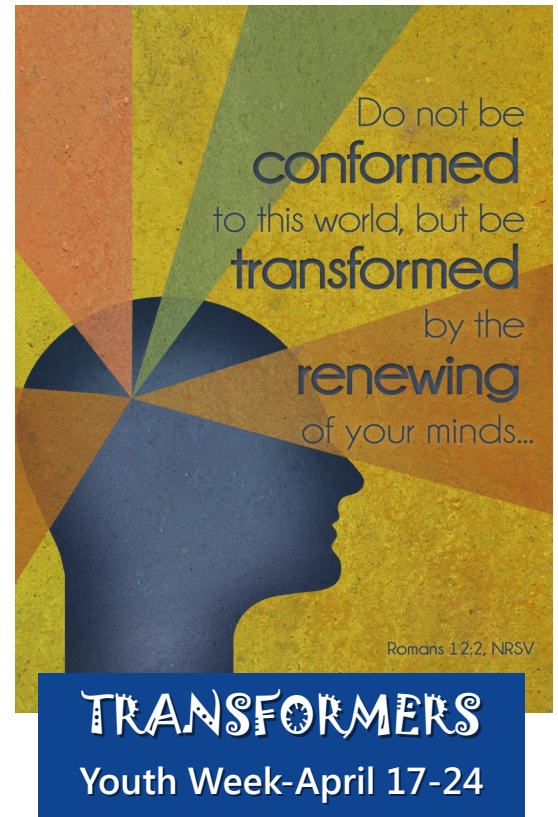
Every person has their own path to walk, but I don’t see how one can have a great week, much less live a great life, without a dedicated time of reading the Bible and prayer. This is especially important in the days leading to the cross. In our Holy Week Worship Services we have read various passages from the final days and hours of Jesus’ life and heard faithful witnesses explain the texts. We have also enjoyed the vibrant fellowship at the services and been a living testimony that while our churches meet in different locations each week, we serve the same Lord and are called to the same mission.

Our reading of scripture, prayer, music, proclamation and fellowship has prompted us to examine our spiritual lives, but attending six worship services in five days is not enough to make a week great. We have to do something with the truth we believe even when sacrificial effort is required. For me, this meant praying for a person with whom I do not have a good relationship. I have not seen or heard from this person in several years, but the person was mentioned to me recently and when I “happened” to read Luke 6:28 in my personal scripture reading, I knew what I needed to do. I have and am praying for this person and have sent a note of encouragement. I do not know what will come of this, and, to be completely honest, it’s none of my business what God does with my prayers. My job and yours is to respond to the Spirit’s promptings and let the Lord handle the rest. If we will, I am confident that, in the words of Julian of Norwich, “all will be well,” which is a churchy way of saying “everything will be great!”

*Easter Blessings to All,
David*

Please Note:

- ◆ Church Offices will be closed on Monday, March 28th.
- ◆ A service of prayer will take place at 6:00 p.m. in the chapel on Wednesday, March 30th in place of our regular activities and meal.



Preparing for Sunday. . .

“The Pool Will Be Dry” John 20:1-18 & I Corinthians 15:19-26

It is impossible to fully appreciate the depth of despair Mary feels as she stands by the empty grave and weeps. Death and tragedy have won the day once again. She is inconsolable. Two angels are not enough to dry her tears, but once Jesus appears to her and calls her by name she realizes that she is weeping for naught. Jesus has risen, just he said he would. The “pool of tears” that Mary is crying are dried by the joy of the resurrection and a promise that Jesus’ victory is for all of us. A few years later, the apostle Paul will assure the Corinthians that *we will be made alive in Christ* (v.22) and that *the last enemy to be defeated is death* (v.26). We will gather this Easter Sunday to proclaim that our own pools of tears will be dry and celebrate being made alive in Christ.



“Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.”
—Proverbs 22:6

If you are interested in dedicating your baby or young child, we would love to plan a Parent/Child Dedication for your family. Contact the church office (739-4336) for more details.



April 15th beginning @ 4:00 pm

Cost is \$40 and includes the Paintball, the Lock-in and a Youth Week T-Shirt. Sign up with Doug.



April 15th beginning at 10:00 p.m. (for those not attending paintball.) Cost is \$10 per person and includes a Youth Week t-shirt. Bring extra spending money. Sign up with Doug @ 739-4336.

Upcoming Events. . .

- April 3—Communion Sunday
- April 4—Baptist Women’s Luncheon
- April 14—Fun & Fellowship
- April 15—Youth Lock-In
- April 16—Community Café hosted by The Sanctuary Choir
- April 17—24—Youth Week
- April 18—Finance Committee & Deacons Meetings
- April 21-23—Senior Adult Spring Trip—Norfolk, VA
- April 24—Youth Sunday
- April 27—Administrative Professionals Day
Quarterly Church Conference
- April 28—Lunch & Learn (Senior Adults)
- April 29-May 1—High School Seniors Retreat
- April 30—Fishing Day
- May 1—Senior Adult Sunday
- May 2—Baptist Women’s Luncheon

Servants this Sunday, March 27, 2016

ETC—11:00 a.m.—Maegan Rozier, Judith Watts & Sandra Elks

Welcoming—Bruce & Jayne Huggins, Eloise Bullock

Collection—Lynn Wilson & Glenn Walker

Entrance Greeters
Children’s Building—Margie Cockrell
Walnut Street—Jeff & Karon Prince
6th Street—Layton & Dianne Britt
Senior Entrance—Jim Driscoll

Security Monitor—Ross Driscoll

Sound—James Gibson

Video—Greg Gibson

Fun & Fellowship

April 14, 2016

11:00 a.m.

In Cherry Fellowship Hall
Lynn Andersen will present a program of music featuring hand bells.



*April 28, 2016 at Noon
Topic: Avoiding Scams
Bring a covered dish to share.*

Baptist Women’s Luncheon

April 4, 2016 at 11:45 a.m.
in the Activity Building

Barbara Andrews will share with us some of the ministries of the Lumberton Christian Care Center. An offering will be collected for the Baptist Children’s Homes Food Round-up.

This Week. . .

Sunday, March 27

Easter Sunday

7:00 Sunrise Service at the home of Ed Thorndyke

9:45 Sunday School

11:00 Worship Service

Monday, March 28

Church Offices & ECM Closed

Wednesday, March 30

6:00 Prayer Service (Chapel)

Easter Eggstravaganza!

Sunday, March 20, 2016



For the Record

Budgeted 2016.....	\$775,000.00
Needed per week.....	\$14,663.46
Received 3/20/16	\$9,493.43
Yearly need to date	\$175,961.54
Received to date.....	\$150,907.43
Over (Under) Budget	(\$25,054.11)

Sunday School Attendance 3/20—269



FISHING DAY!—APRIL 30TH



**FAMILIES WELCOME!
MEET AT
FIRST BAPTIST
AT 8:30 A.M.**

**FISHING WILL BEGIN AROUND 9:00 A.M. AT
GEORGE WILCOX'S POND.**



Person of the Week

*Charles Kinlaw
403 W. 34th St.
Lumberton, NC 28358*

Send a card, letter, or other remembrance to our special person this week.

CHURCH STAFF

Contact us at 739-4336 or daphnefletcher@fbclumbertonnc.org
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